REMARKS

Claims 11, 20 and 21 are all the claims pending in the application, and are allowed.

The title of the invention has been amended to correct clerical errors in the characters, as supported, for example, at page 1, line 10 of the specification. The changes are editorial in nature and no question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

Request for Acknowledgment of Priority and Receipt of Priority Document

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application P. Hei. 9-43143, filed February 27, 1997, as shown in the Declaration and Power of Attorney and cover letter that accompanied the filing of the Application, copies of which are attached hereto.

Further, receipt of a certified copy of the Priority Document was acknowledged in parent application no. 09/380,276 at least in the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested, respectively, to acknowledge in the present application, applicant's claim to priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document in parent application no. 09/380,276.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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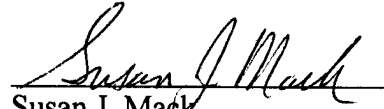
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